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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 23, 2004

Dear Sir:

The following Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2004, in the present case. Applicants note the three-month period for response is February 23, 2005; therefore this filing is timely. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 and 3. Claims 2 and 5 have been amended pursuant to the Examiner's comments.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this filing.

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